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SUBJECT: NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL MEETING, JUNE 14

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1. COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT, 1ST JANUARY 1977 -
148TH REPORT - ACCEPTED. SYG REPORTED THAT THE COUNCIL
OF THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY HAD RETURNED THE
148TH REPORT TO COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENT
BUDGET EXPERTS (CCG) FOR EXPLANATION OF REFUSAL.
SYG REQUESTED THAT NAC DO THE SAME, BUT WAS REFUSED
UNANIMOUSLY BY PERMREPS. HE ACCEPTED DECISION,
RETAINING RIGHT TO RETURN TO REPORT IF CCG PRESENTED NEW
INFORMATION WHEN REPLYING TO ESA'S QUESTION.

2. COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT, 1ST JANUARY 1978 -
153RD REPORT - ACCEPTED. SYG QUESTIONED SAFEGUARD
CLAUSE, SAYING IT IMPRACTICAL AND POINTING OUT
DIFFICULTIES RECOVERING NOT ONLY SALARY, BUT CONTRIBUTIONS
TO PROVIDENT FUND/PENSION SCHEME/HEALTH INSURANCE. HE
RESERVED RIGHT TO RETURN TO SAFEGUARD CLAUSE SHOULD A
REFUND BE REQUIRED ON THE JULY 1, 1978, GENERAL SALARY
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REVIEW.

- FRG RESERVED RIGHT TO RETURN TO 153RD REPORT SHOULD
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (EC) REACH A DIFFERENT DECISION
ON ITS ADVANCE ON THE COST-OF-LIVING INDEX INCREASE FOR
THE LAST SIX MONTHS OF 1977. UK REPORTED UNDERSTANDING
THAT EC ALSO ACCEPTING A 2 PCT THRESHOLD.

3. PENSION ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURE - 150TH REPORT - ACCEPTED.

SYG SAID THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE LINKING PENSIONS TO ACTIVE SALARIES CONFORMS TO PENSION SCHEME RULES. HE REFERRED TO PARAGRAPH 10 OF CCG(78)4, WHERE THE SECSGEN COULD REQUEST AN EXAMINATION OF AD HOC MEASURES TO PREVENT DETERIORATION OF PENSIONS, AND SAID THAT, IN VIEW OF THAT PARAGRAPH, HE WOULD FEEL FREE TO RETURN TO NAC.

4. COMPULSORY DUAL AFFILIATION TO NATO PENSION SCHEME - PO/78/66 - ACCEPTED.

- COUNCIL AGREED THAT OPTION PERIOD WOULD BE REOPENED, ONCE UK SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH NATO/WEU, TO PERMIT EMPLOYEES REMAINING IN PROVIDENT FUND TO RECONSIDER OPTION.

- WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION WAS REPORTED TO HAVE UNILATERALLY EXTENDED OPTION PERIOD UNTIL AGREEMENT WITH UK SIGNED. SINCE THAT MEETING, THREE DELEGATIONS HAD WRITTEN TO WEU SYG, STATING THAT THE OPTION PERIOD SHOULD NOT BE EXTENDED, BUT REOPENED FOR EMPLOYEES IN PROVIDENT FUND WHEN UK AGREEMENT SIGNED.

5. REVERSIONARY PENSION RIGHTS FOR WIDOWERS OF FEMALE UNCLASSIFIED

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STAFF - 154TH REPORT - ACCEPTED. SYG RESERVED RIGHT TO RETURN TO QUESTION. COUNCIL TOLD THAT OECD COUNCIL HAD REFERRED QUESTION TO CCG, REQUESTING A REPORT ON ITS STUDY BY AUTUMN. BENNETT

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